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PREFACE

This summary is designed as a ready reference for the identities of the leaders of the Communist Party, USA, on a national and district basis. It is also designed to furnish briefly the high lights of the activities of the Party in the more important fields of endeavor.

| The last six months of 1956 have represented a rather critical period for the Communist Party. On top of the public release of Khrushchev's scathing denunciation of Stalin |
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| John Gates, editor-in-chief of the "Daily Worker," |
| publicly announced that the Communist Party, USA, should be dissolved and reconstituted in the form of a political action association. |
| In September, 1956, the Party released its draft resolution which will be presented to the forthcoming national convention, scheduled to be held in New |
| York City, February 9 - 12, 1957. This draft resolution has enumerated past Party errors which have caused isolation from the masses and has set forth a proposed platform and program which the Party should follow in the future. |

In December, 1956, the Party released a draft constitution which will also be presented for adoption at the forthcoming national convention. This draft constitution further attempts to portray the Party as a peaceful organization dedicated to the transition to socialism through constitutional means. It also attempts to afford more democracy to the rank-and-file members of the Party, which has been the source of much criticism from Party members throughout the year.

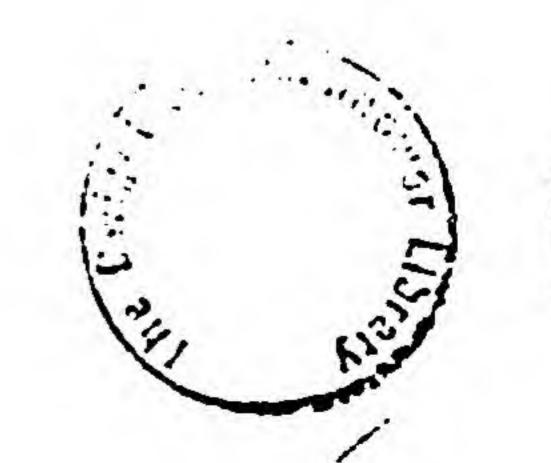
It is anticipated that the national convention in February, 1957, will be one of the most important the Party has ever held and will result in the election of new leaders and formulation of a definite Party program for the period ahead.

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Organizational Apparatus

The Communist Farty, USA, from its very inception in 1919, has had the fixed goal of establishing a Soviet America. The leaders of the Party realize very keenly their responsibility to the international communist movement. They are fully aware that since the United States is the strongest remaining bulwark of the free world, the communist goal of world conquest will be long delayed unless they are able to achieve a successful communist revolution in the United States.

The organizational apparatus of the Communist Party is based on the theory of democratic centralism. Under this theory, all decisions of higher bodies are absolutely binding on lower bodies. Through this strict disciplinary practice, the Party is able to wield an influence far beyond its numerical strength.

The significant developments in the organizational structure of the Party during the last six months of 1956, are set forth hereinafter.

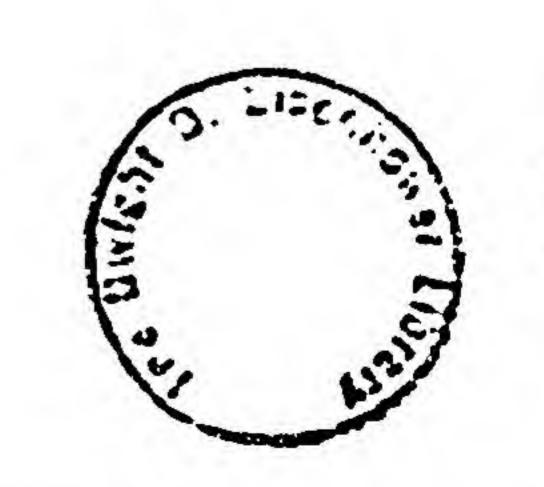
National Headquarters

The Party has continued to maintain its national office at 101 West 16th Street, New York City, where it occupies the entire seventh floor of the Jefferson School of Social Science Building. Since this building is in the process of being sold, however, Party leaders are endeavoring to locate new office space in New York City. At the same time, however, serious consideration is being given to the possibility of moving the Party's headquarters to Chicago. The principal reason for this proposed move is to reduce the influence of the New York State Communist Party, which, according to some of the Party's national leaders, is predominantly middle class rather than working class in its outlook. On the other hand, Chicago is looked upon as an area having a greater labor concentration and as the center of the working class. Other Party leaders feel that by moving the national office to Chicago, the Party in the Midwest would be strengthened, and further, it would be possible to better develop the Party in the South.

National Convention

The highest authority in the Communist Party, according to its constitution, is the national convention which should be held every two years. The national conventions are authorized to make





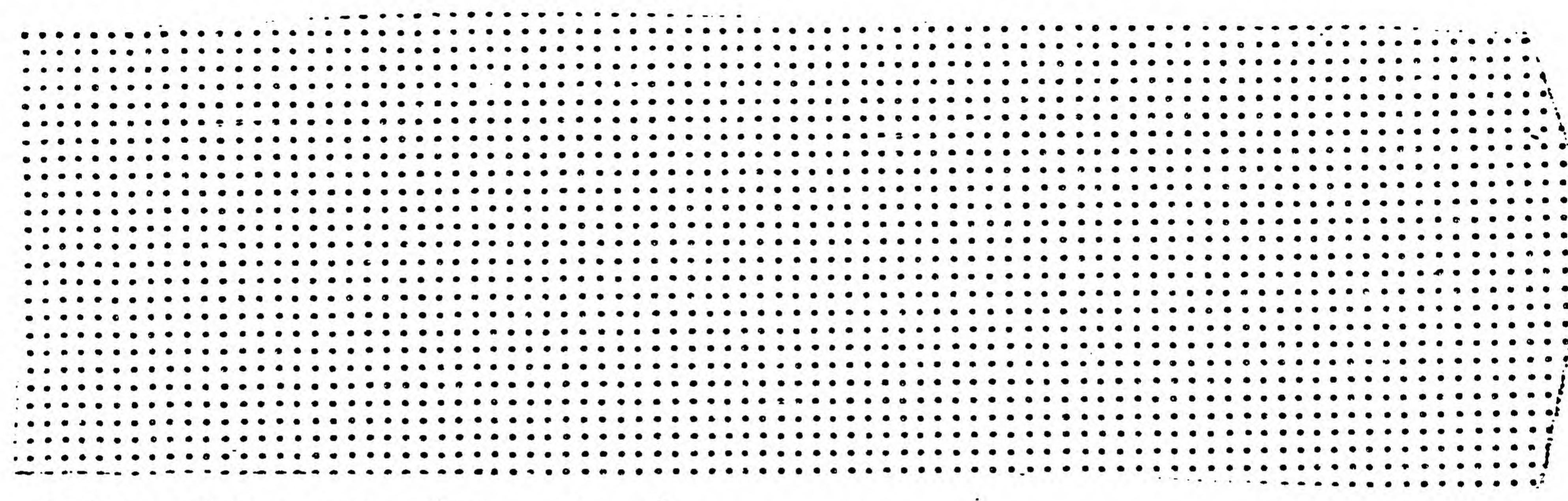
political and organizational decisions binding upon the entire Party and its membership. Such conventions also elect a national committee by a majority vote. The number of members of the national committee is to be determined by a majority vote of each national convention.

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According to a "Call to loth National Convention," which was released by the national committee of the Party, the Communist Party is described as "at the most critical juncture in its history." It went on to point out the need to correct past mistakes and strengthen its ties with the American working class and people's movement. This call described America as part of "a new world situation and a new relationship of forces." It singled out monopoly capital as the force which assaults the living standards and liberties of the people and blocks the road to progress.

This call also set out the basis for the election of delegates to the national convention. According to this procedure, each district is entitled to designate two delegates where the total membership is 50 or less; three delegates for the first 100 members and three for each additional 100 members up to 600; and two delegates for each additional 100 members above 600. It also provided that each district is entitled to elect alternate delegates without vote, with such delegates not exceeding in number twenty-five per cent of the number of delegates to which the district is entitled.

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National Committee (13 members)

Between national conventions, the national committee is the highest authority of the Party. It represents the Party as a whole and has the sole and complete authority to make all decisions and take all actions necessary and incidental to the welfare of the entire Party, and to act upon all problems and developments occurring between national conventions.

The thirteen members of the national committee were re-elected at the Fifteenth National Convention held December 28 to 31, 1950. However, the national committee has not been able to function as a body since 1951, inasmuch as a majority of these thirteen leaders entered prison in July, 1951, following their convictions for conspiring to violate the Smith Act of 1940, and remained in prison until March 1, 1955. The status of these individuals is as follows:

William Z. Foster - national chairman (indicted for violation of the Smith Act of 1940, but not tried due to illness - he celebrated his 75th birthday on February 25, 1956).

Eugene Dennis - general secretary (in prison from July, 1951, to March 1, 1955, for violation of the Smith Act of 1940; in conditional release status from March 1, 1955, to December 26, 1955; returned to active Party work early in January, 1956).

Gus Hall - former national secretary (in prison since October, 1951. He is serving an eight-year prison sentence, having been sentenced to five years for violation of the Smith Act of 1940, and to three years for contempt of court).

Benjamin J. Davis, Jr. - active in Negro and other phases of Party operations (in prison from July, 1951, to April 15, 1955, for violation of the Smith Act of 1940; in conditional release status from April 15, 1955, to February 24, 1956. Davis has been active in important Party operations since February 24, 1956).

John Gates - editor-in-chief of the "Daily Worker," east coast communist newspaper (in prison from July, 1951, to March 1, 1955, for violation of the Smith Act of 1940; in conditional release status from March 1, 1955, to December 26, 1955. Gates returned to his top leadership position early in January, 1956).

Gil Green - former chairman, District No. 8 (Illinois). (Green was in a fugitive status from July 2, 1951, until February 27, 1956. He is currently serving an eight-year sentence, having been sentenced to five years for violation of the Smith Act of 1940, and to three years for contempt of court).

Irving Potash - (alien) - former manager of the Furriers Joint Council, International Fur and Leather Workers Union (Potash accepted voluntary deportation to Poland on March 4, 1955, after completion of a five-year prison sentence. On January 4, 1957, Potash was arrested in New York City by Bureau Agents and on January 18, 1957, upon a plea of guilty, he was sentenced to a two-year prison sentence and a fine of \$1,000 for illegally entering the U. S. He is presently in prison serving this sentence).

Jack Stachel - (alien) - no open Party position due to ill health and alien status (in prison from July, 1951, to March 1, 1955, for violation of the Smith Act of 1940; in conditional release status from March 1, 1955, to December 26, 1955. He is awaiting possible deportation. He has been active in top leadership meetings of the Communist Party, USA).

Robert Thompson - former chairman, District No. 2 (New York). (Thompson was in fugitive status from July 2, 1951, to August, 1953; in prison since August, 1953. Thompson is currently serving a seven-year prison sentence, having been sentenced to three years for violation of the Smith Act of 1940, and to four years for contempt of court).

Henry Winston - former national organizational secretary (in a fugitive status from July 2, 1951, to March 5, 1956. Winston is currently serving an eight-year prison sentence, having been sentenced to five years for violation of the Smith Act of 1940, and to three years for contempt of court).

John Williamson - (alien) former national labor secretary (Williamson accepted voluntary deportation to Scotland on May 4, 1955, after completion of a five-year prison sentence for violation of the Smith Act of 1940).

Carl Winter - chairman, District No. 7 (Michigan). (Winter was in prison from July, 1951, to March 1, 1955, for violation of the Smith Act of 1940; in conditional release status from March 1, 1955, to December 26, 1955. He returned to his important leadership position in Michigan early in January, 1956).

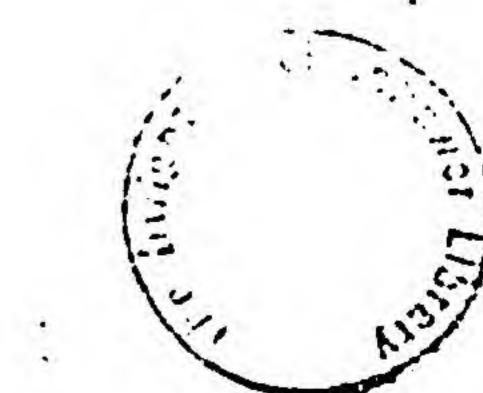
Elizabeth Gurley Flynn - former chairman of the National Women's Commission (entered prison on January 11, 1955, to start serving a three-year prison sentence).

Of the afore-mentioned thirteen members of the national committee of the Communist Party, USA, only Foster, Dennis, Davis, Gates, Stachel and Winter are currently engaged in Communist Party leadership activities. All of the thirteen members of the national committee, with the exception of Foster, have been convicted under the Smith Act of 1940, and have either completed prison sentences or are currently serving prison sentences. Foster has been examined on several occasions since 1949 by court-appointed physicians who have found that he is too ill to stand a long trial.

Alternate Members of the National Committee (9 members)

At the Fifteenth National Convention of the Communist Party, held December 28 to 31, 1950, alternate members of the national committee, consisting of nine individuals, were elected. The status of these individuals is as follows:

Archie Brown - member of California State Committee (in an underground status from 1951 to October, 1955 - Brown in October, 1955, returned to active Party operations in California).



Fred Fine - national executive secretary (in a fugitive status from June 20, 1951, to November 30, 1955. On September 17, 1956, he received a prison sentence of four years for violation of the Smith Act of 1940. He is presently free on bond pending appeal of his case).

James Jackson - active in Party work in the South (in a fugitive status from June 20, 1951, to December 2, 1955. On September 17, 1956, he received a prison sentence of two years for violation of the Smith Act of 1940. He is presently on bond pending appeal of his case).

Claudia Jones - (alien) - former secretary of the National Women's Commission (Jones accepted voluntary deportation to England on December 9, 1955, after completion of her prison sentence of one year and one day for violation of the Smith Act).

Claude Lightfoot - executive secretary, District No. 8 (Illinois). (Lightfoot operated in an underground status from 1951 until June 26, 1954, when he was arrested in Chicago on a warrant which charged him with violation of the Smith Act of 1940. His trial began in Chicago on January 10, 1955; he was convicted on January 25, 1955. He is presently free on bond pending appeal of his case).

Pettis Perry - former secretary of the National Negro Commission (convicted on January 21, 1953, for violation of the Smith Act of 1940; began serving a three-year prison sentence on January 11, 1955).

William Schneiderman - chairman, Communist Party of California (convicted on August 5, 1952, for violation of the Smith Act of 1940; presently free on bond awaiting appeal of his case).

Sidney Stein - former assistant national labor secretary (in fugitive status from June 20, 1951, to August 27, 1953; on April 26, 1954, Stein was found guilty of harboring Robert Thompson and/or being accessory after the fact. He was sentenced to three years' imprisonment. On July 31, 1956, Stein was convicted for violation of the Smith Act of 1940, and was sentenced on September 17, 1956, to three years' imprisonment).

Martha Stone - chairman of the Communist Party of New Jersey (arrested on November 1, 1954, in New York City. She was convicted on March 29, 1956, of violation of the Smith Act of 1940, and was sentenced to four years' imprisonment on April 20, 1956. She is presently at liberty on bond awaiting appeal of her case).

Other Important National Leaders

In addition to the above-mentioned Party functionaries, the following individuals have all been active in a leadership capacity in various phases of the Party's activities:

Phil Bart - assists Party leaders on various administrative matters.

Albert Blumberg - national legislative director.

Israel Kwatt 'George Watt) - active in trade-union matters.

Simon W. Gerson - editorial staff of the "Daily Worker."

Gustave (Hal) Simon - active in trade-union matters.

Ned Sparks - works from behind the scenes on "Political Affairs," monthly publication of the Communist Party, USA.

Max Weiss - national education director and also active in various administrative matters. Isadore Wofsy - active in financial matters.

District Organization

The programs and policies of the Communist Party are carried on throughout the United States by district organizations. Each district organization has its own functionaries who direct the Party's activities in that particular area. If a district covers more than one state, there are state functionaries responsible for the communist activities within each state.

The organizational structure is further divided into county, city, section and club organizations. Every member of the Communist Party not operating as a member at large, is required to be a member and to be active in the club, which is the basic organization of the Party. Party clubs are of two types, the industrial club, composed of members employed in a particular industry, or the community club, composed of individuals in the professional field, office workers, housewives, etc.



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Foster contended that there is a dangerous right wing in the Party which would repudiate Marxism-Leninism and eventually liquidate the Party. He continued that John Gates is an "outstanding leader" of that tendency. Foster was cutspokenly critical of the policies followed by the "Daily Worker" in 1954 when it began to adopt a defeatist attitude by saying that the Party's fight against the war danger was "wrong and fruitless." Dennis, too, was criticized by Foster regarding Dennis' estimate of the Party in the period of the cold war. Foster accused Dennis of a serious underestimation of the war danger and a great overestimation of the Party's errors and shortcomings.

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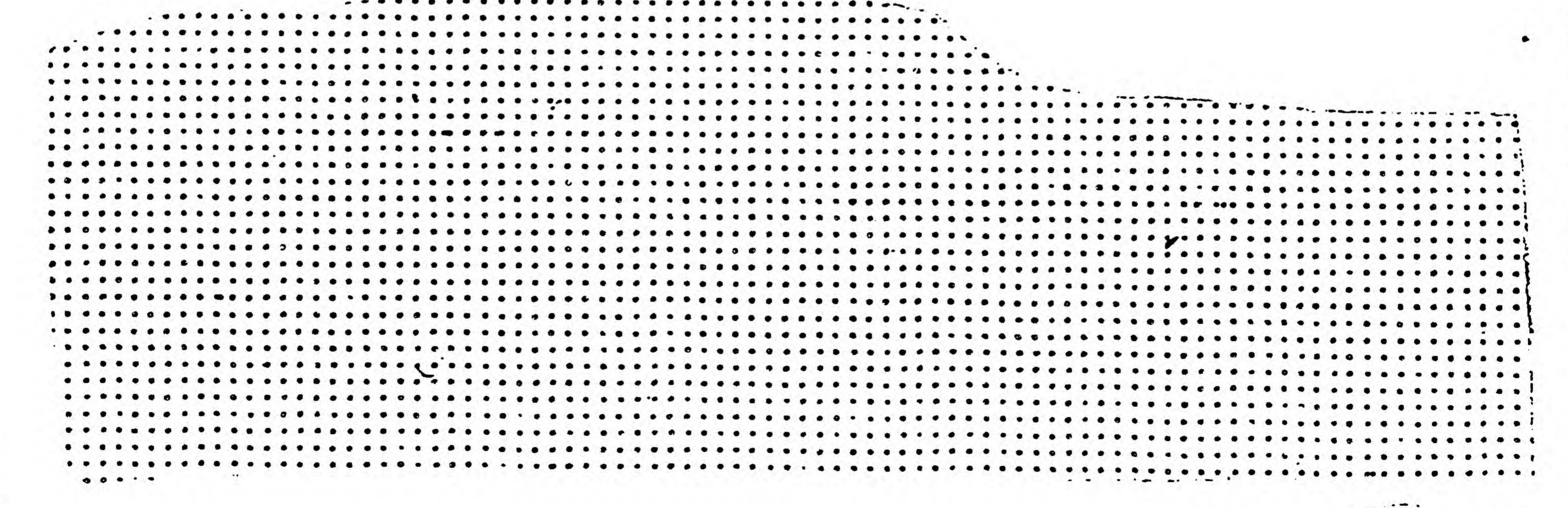
On September 22, 1956, the Party publicly released the above-mentioned draft resolution and announced that it was being reproduced in pamphlet form for distribution to Party members throughout the country for discussion purposes prior to the national convention.

This draft resolution was broken down into four main sections. Section 1, entitled "The Situation Today," briefly presents a picture of the conditions existing in the United States today. Section 2 entitled "The Path Ahead," asserts that monopolies and "Big Business" are main obstacles to the advance of the American worker today and that labor, farmers, Negroes and small businessmen must unite in the struggle against monopolies. Section 3, entitled "The American Road to Socialism," attempts to portray the Communist

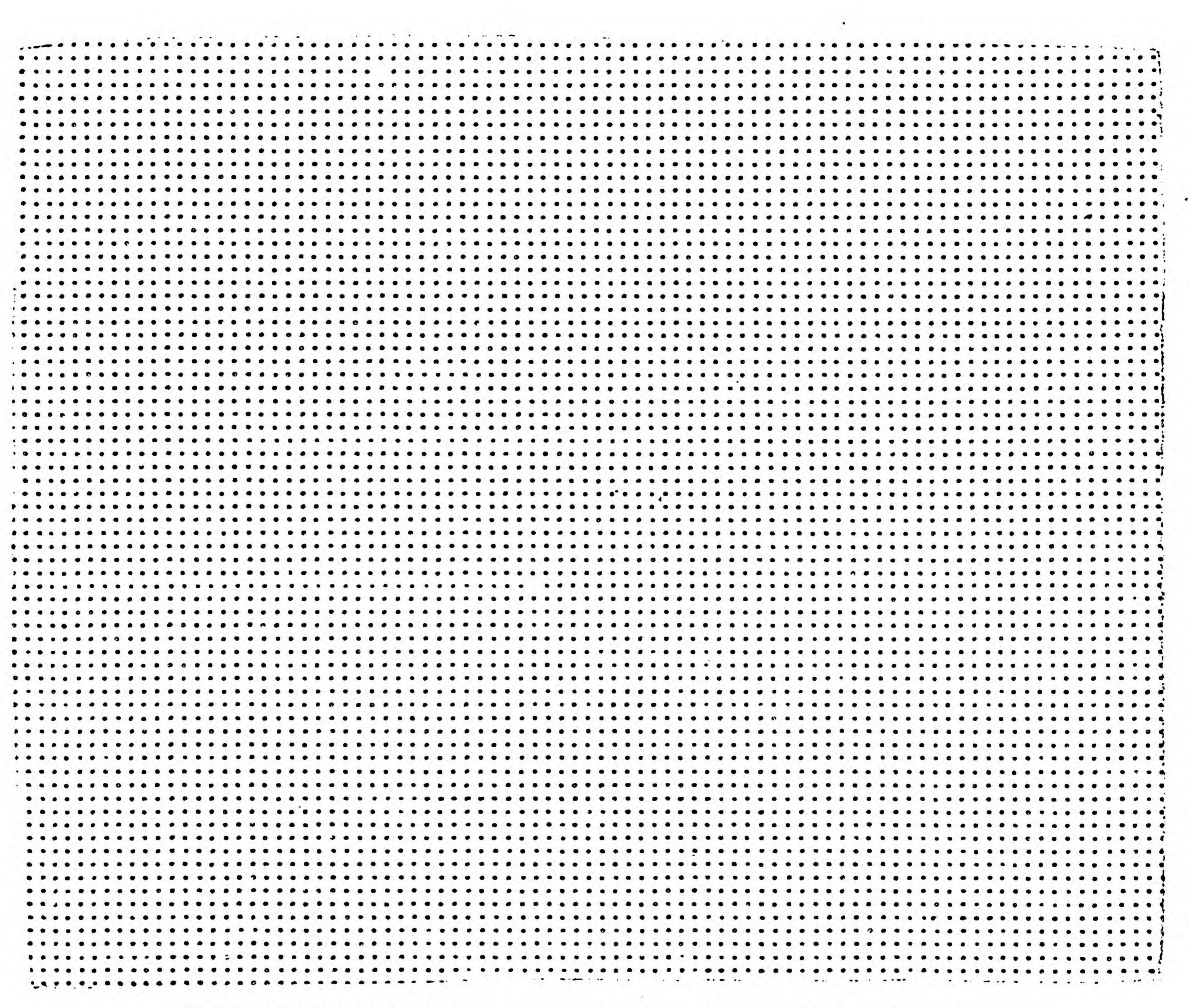
Party, USA, as an organization which has been devoted for many years to a peaceful and constitutional transition to socialism. Section 4, entitled "Our Party," enumerates various vital contributions which the Party has made in the past ten-year period. It recognizes, however, that the Party suffered many organizational losses due to the Smith Act and other prosecutions during this same period. In analyzing its mistakes in the past ten years which have isolated the Party from the masses, the resolution states that these mistakes were left-sectarian in nature and included overexaggeration of the war danger, overestimation of the "fascist menace" in the United States, support of the Progressive Party and other left-led organizations and errors made in Party policies in the labor and Negro fields.

This section further asserts that the Communist Party, USA, is an independent party of American workers dedicated to the achievement of socialism by peaceful and constitutional means and is not subject to any external allegiance or discipline. It admits that the Party had held certain wrong concepts of its relations to Marxist parties in other countries and had accepted the views of those parties uncritically, as a result of which the Communist Party, USA, was unprepared for and shocked at the denunciation of Stalin by Khrushchev.

In addition, this section denies that the Communist Party, USA, is the agent of any foreign power and asserts that its members are patriots with allegiance to the United States. It further asserts that the Party must abolish certain bureaucratic methods of organization which have hindered the timely corrections of past errors. In connection with the dissolution and transformation of the Party into some other type organization, the resolution asserts that there is no justification for such proposals which were described as liquidationist in character.



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This statement subsequently appeared in "The Worker" of December 30, 1956, in the form of a message to all Party members. This message urged unity among Party members and asserted its conviction that the forthcoming national convention "must strike out on a new course to initiate significant changes in our Party to correspond to changes in the world and our nation, as well as to overcome long-standing and deep-seated weaknesses."

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Draft Constitution

On December 9, 1956, the Party publicly released a draft constitution which will be submitted to the national convention. A review of this constitution reflects that it contains various changes which are designed to portray the Party as an organization dedicated to the peaceful achievement of socialism in this country. In its preamble, the draft constitution states, "The Communist Party holds that there are various roads to socialism. We advocate a peaceful, democratic road to socialism through the political and economic struggles of the American people within the developing constitutional process."

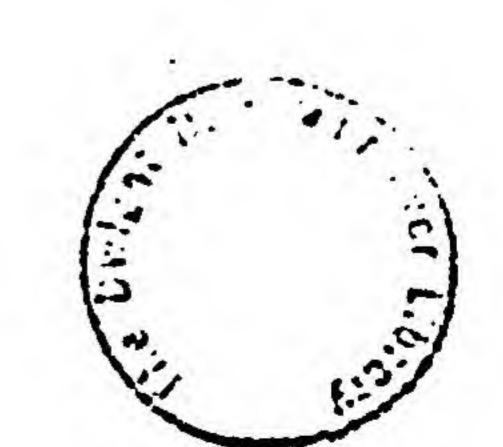
In calling for an intensified fight against monopoly, the constitution stated it was the "duty" of Party members to join labor unions and also to wage an all-out battle against racial and religious discrimination.

It is also noted that this draft constitution reiterated a clause which is contained in the current constitution and which declares that "Any member shall be expelled from the Party who is found to be a strike-breaker, provocateur, engaged in espionage, or who advocates force and violence or terrorism, or who adheres to or participates in the activities of any group or party which conspires or acts to subvert, undermine, weaken or overthrow any or all institutions of American democracy through which the majority of the American people can maintain their right to determine their destinies."

The draft constitution, in an effort to provide more democracy within the Party, provides that members have the right and duty to discuss Party policies and tactics and the right of dissent after decisions are made provided that such dissent does not impede the execution of such policies or tactics.

Smith Act Prosecutions

As of December 31, 1956, 145 Communist Party leaders had been indicted under the Smith Act of 1940. 108 of these individuals have been convicted and sentenced to a total of 435 years and one day in prison and fined \$435,500. It is noted that in connection with five of these individuals whose prison sentences total twenty-five years, the Supreme Court has remanded these cases for new trials.



There are yet to be held two conspiracy trials of indicted subjects, one at San Juan and the other at Boston. Also, three trials of indicted subjects remain to be held at Chicago, Indiarapolis and Butte under the membership provision of the Smith Act of 1940.

Internal Security Act of 1950 (Registration Provisions)

On May 31, 1955, the United States Supreme Court agreed to review the decision of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia which had upheld the April 20, 1953, order of the Subversive Activities Control Board. This order would require the Communist Party to register as a communist action organization and list its officers and all members.

On April 30, 1956, the Supreme Court reversed and remanded this case to the Subversive Activities Control Board for further proceedings. On May 18, 1956, the Party filed three motions before this Board in connection with alleged perjurious testimony of Government witnesses. The Board denied these motions and on August 17, 1956, the Party appealed this ruling to the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, Washington, D.C.

The appeal was heard on October 4, 1956, and the District Court of Appeals issued a ruling on November 5, 1956, denying this appeal.

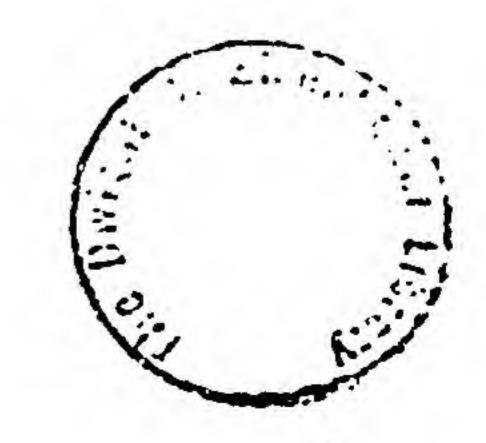
On December 18, 1956, the Subversive Activities Control Board again ruled that the Communist Party, USA, should register as a communist action organization under the provisions of the Internal Security Act of 1950. In arriving at this decision, the Board eliminated from the record the testimony of Government witnesses Paul Crouch, Harvey Matusow and Manning Johnson.

The Subversive Activities Control Board sent its new order to the District Court of Appeals with a request that it be approved. No prosecutive action can be taken under this Act until it is upheld by final judicial review.

International Relations

1. Moscow Support of William Z. Foster

On September 24, 1956, an article entitled "Foster is Praised in Pravda Review" appeared in the city edition of "The New York Times," (page 20, columns 5 and 6) which stated that "Pravda,"

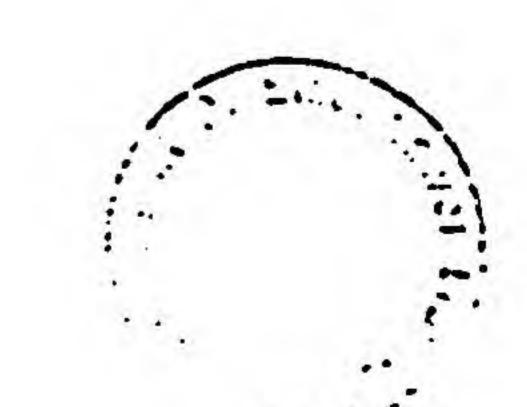


the Communist Party organ in Mcscow, reviewed a book by Foster which had been published there last year. In the review, "Pravda" praised Foster as a "noted theoretician and Marxist historian" and indicated continued Soviet support for him. Browder was labeled an opportunist by "Pravda."

The article also stated that "Pravda" described Foster as a fighter for peace, democracy, and socialism, one who is devoted to the struggle for purity and unity of the Communist Party, USA, against opportunists and diversionists, and as a seventy-five-year-old revolutionary who has educated communists in the spirit of firm loyalty to the teachings of Marxism-Leninism.

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The "New York Herald Tribune" of October 23, 1956, disclosed that John Williamson, who was deported from the United States to Great Britain in 1955 after serving a prison sentence for violation of the Smith Act, is sending directives and instructions from Moscow to the Communist Party, USA. According to this article, Williamson recently sent a message



indicating that Soviet leaders are amazed at the nature of discussions and developments taking place in the Communist Party, USA. Williamson's letter further indicated that anger is being expressed in the Soviet Union over articles appearing in the communist press in the United States.

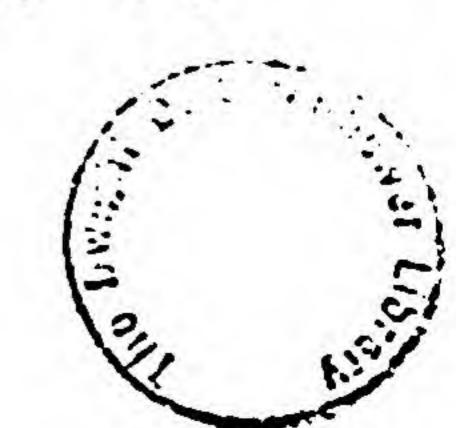
In this letter, Williamson set forth certain points of instruction to the Communist Party, USA, including the following:

- 1: The United States communist leadership is to immediately stop all anti-Soviet slanders.
- 2. Under no circumstances must there be any suggestion or movement to oust William Z. Foster, who is to remain as chairman of the Communist Party, USA.
- 3. Marxism-Leninism is basic.
- 4. Peaceful transition is only voting socialism when there must be a revolutionary transition from capitalistic society.
- 5. Under all circumstances, Eugene Dennis must remain as secretary.
- 6. The contents of this communication are to be published in the United States.

The Communist Party, USA, immediately upon the publication of the afore-mentioned article, issued a release to the effect that John Williamson, as a member of the national committee of the Communist Party, USA, is merely expressing his opinions concerning the discussions going on at the present time in the Communist Party, USA, which he has every right to do. The Communist Party, USA, emphatically denied that it is receiving any directives or orders from abroad or anywhere giving orders to the Communist Party, USA.

3. Communist Party Position on the Events in Poland

News dispatches appearing in the press revealed that on October 19, 1956, following demonstrations in Poland, Wladyslaw Gomulka, who had been previously ousted from the Communist Party in Poland and imprisoned, was restored to the position of First Secretary of the Polish Communist Party. Shortly thereafter, he was able to



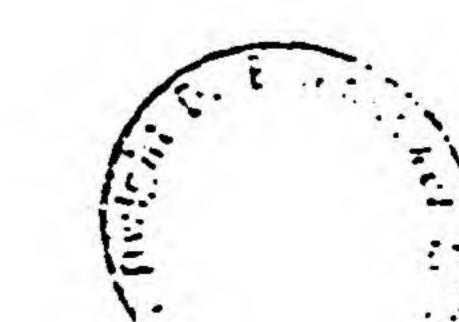
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The above-mentioned statement appeared in the November 5, 1956, issue of the "Daily Worker" and stated that events in Poland were initially and primarily a mass democratic upsurge of the working class for democratization, economic improvement, full national sovereignty, and equality with the Soviet Union. It continued that reactionary forces attempted to seize these demonstrations and use them for the purpose of restoring capitalism, but the communists grasped these facts and with great determination set about correcting these wrongs. In so doing, according to the statement, they won the confidence of the Polish working class and the people.

4. Communist Party Position on the Events in Hungary

Following the original entry of Russian troops into Budapest. on October 24, 1956, in order to quell the uprising of the people, the national committee of the Communist Party, USA, at a meeting held on November 1, 1956, adopted a statement which appeared in the November 5, 1956, issue of the "Daily Worker."

This statement was in general critical of the Soviet Union and referred to the use of Russian troops to put down the popular demonstration in Hungary as a "tragic error." While this statement



was approved by the majority of the national committee including John Gates, it was not a unanimous vote and such Party leaders as William Z. Foster and Eugene Dennis were opposed to the critical stand taken against Russia in this statement.

According to letters appearing in the "Daily Worker," it was quite obvious that the rank-and-file membership of the Party in general followed one of two courses. Those supporting the viewpoints of Foster and Dennis contended that the revolt in Hungary not only endangered the structure of socialism but also endangered world peace, thereby creating the necessity for the use of Russian troops to protect and guarantee peace throughout the world.

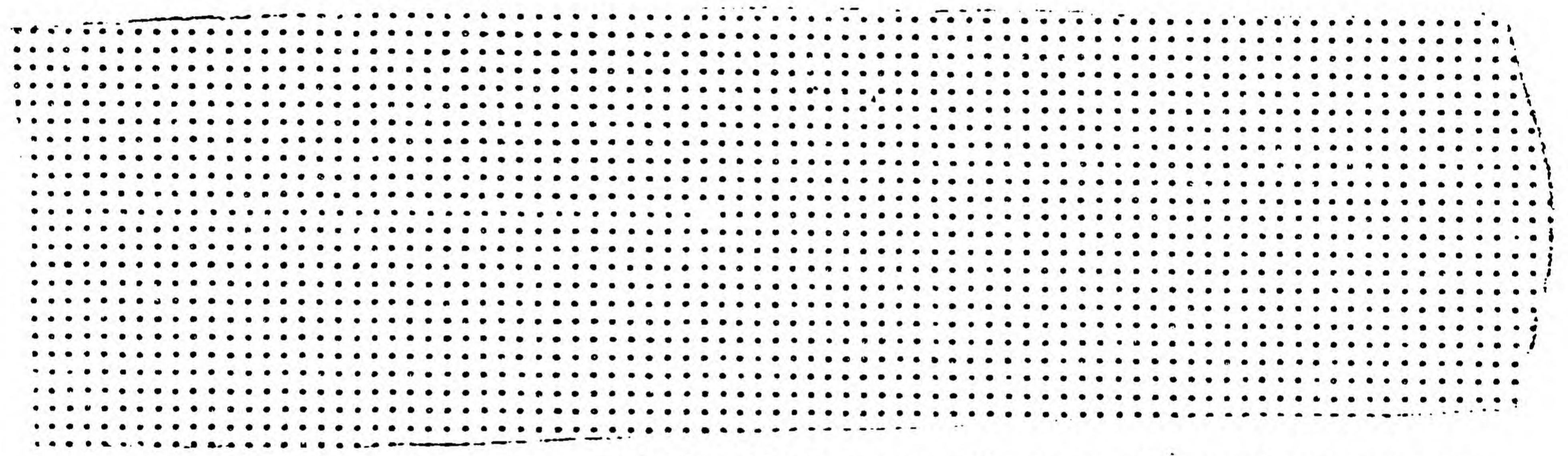
On the other hand, those who supported the viewpoints of John Gates blamed bureaucratic methods, as well as lack of self-criticism and lack of criticism of Russian policy, for the development of those conditions in Hungary which caused the people to revolt. They condemned Russia for the use of troops and stated that socialism cannot be imposed upon any country by force.

On December 2, 1956, "The Worker," in an editorial entitled, "America and Hungary," stated that great injustices and monumental blunders by the Hungarian communist leadership and the Soviet Union were responsible for the Hungarian tragedy. The editorial reiterated, however, that more information was needed before final judgment on this matter would be possible. In addition, it criticized certain elements in the United States for seizing this situation to continue the "cold war" and concluded by calling for withdrawal of all troops from foreign soil.

5. Communist Party Position on Events in Suez

News dispatches appearing in the press revealed that on October 29, 1956, forces of Israel suddenly invaded Egypt. On that same date, Great Britain and France issued an ultimatum to both sides to stop fighting or face intervention by British and French forces. On October 31, 1956, Great Britain and France opened an attack in the Suez area by bombing Cairo, and on November 5, 1956, troops were landed in Egypt.

On November 6, 1956, the "Daily Worker" (page 4, column 1) under the caption "CP Statement Hits Mid-East Aggressions" stated that the national committee on November 5, 1956, had issued a statement adopted by a majority vote which branded the British, French, and Israeli action against Egypt as aggression and the most serious threat to peace since the Korean War. The statement urged an immediate cease-fire in Egypt and close cooperation between the United States and the USSR to implement the resolutions of the United Nations General Assembly. The statement claimed the attack was imperialist in nature and aimed at the independence of all Middle-Eastern nations. It criticized Israel for having a part in this attack and asserted that such action could only bring disaster to that nation.



The above policy of the Party resulted in discontent among the Party's Negro leaders and members, most of whom were in sympathy with the Arab nations. Edward Strong, one of the Party's Negro leaders, publicly criticized the Party's stand on the Suez matter and claimed that the Party's position has minimized the responsibility of Israel for the current crisis and has indicated a chauvinist attitude toward the Arab nations.

6. Criticism Between Publications of Communist Party, USA, and Moscow

The "Daily Worker" of October 22, 1956, in an editorial entitled "Historic Days" (page 1, column 2) commented on the developments which had occurred in Poland and concluded with the following paragraph:

"We believe that 'Pravda' had a right to discuss what it didn't approve of in Poland, just as the Polish press has the right to disagree with 'Pravda.' We are dubious, however,

of imputing on a blanket scale to sections of the Polish press, the desire to restore capitalism. This sounds too much like some of the unjustified criticism made of Yugo-slavia in 1948."

On October 21, 1956, Eugene Dennis, John Gates and Max Weiss appeared at the offices of the "Daily Worker" and together worked out the above editorial which criticized "Pravda."

On November 26, 1956, the "Daily Worker" in an editorial entitled "Kommunist and the Daily Worker" (page 5, column 1) stated that it had learned that "Kommunist" did not approve of the "Daily Worker" editorial position.

The "Daily Worker" did not think that "Kommunist's" dismissal of its views as "babbling" came under the heading of fraternal spirit and suggested that a friendlier tone was required in such discussions. As to the charge that it had equated the invasion of Egypt with the use of Soviet troops in Hungary, the "Daily Worker" denied that it had done so and reviewed its editorial remarks to prove it. The editorial concluded with a suggestion that since the "Daily Worker" intended to print "Kommunist's" remarks as soon as they became available, it would be good if "Kommunist" provided its readers with the texts of the November 5th editorial and the present one.

On November 27, 1956, the "Daily Worker" (page 2, column 4) contained an article entitled "Soviet CP Magazine Hits DW Editorial on Hungary" which stated that "Kommunist," the theoretical journal of the central committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union had expressed its disagreement with the "Daily Worker" on the Hungarian situation.

"Kommunist" said the "Daily Worker" had erred in putting the events in Hungary and Poland on the same plane. It accused the "Daily Worker" of "babbling about the right of self-determination" and failing to see the difference between Egypt - "invaded by imperialist interventionists" - and Hungary where "Soviet troops came at the call of the workers' and peasants' government to help socialist patriotic forces." The position taken by the "Daily Worker" editorial writer "does not testify to the firmness of his principles or his understanding of the processes under way in the world," according to the article.

Membership

The calling of the Sixteenth National Convention of the Communist Party, USA, to be held February 9 to 12, 1957, in New York City, has stirred Communist Party leaders throughout the country to take affirmative steps to send the maximum number of delegates to which their particular areas are entitled. In accord with the constitution of the Party the national committee has ruled that delegates shall be elected on the basis of membership, to be determined by average dues payments through the first ten months of 1956. Special provisions will be made to allot added delegates on the basis of further dues payments for this ten months' period which are received prior to February 1, 1957. Only members who have been in continuous good standing for at least two years are eligible for election as delegates to the national convention.

One Communist Party district chairman, in order to obtain the maximum number of delegates for his district, had issued to certain Party members dues-membership kits with lists of names and addresses of persons who were to be contacted before January 1, 1957, for their 1956 dues. These kits included receipt books, score cards, envelopes, notebooks, dues schedules and detailed instructions relative to Communist Party dues collections.

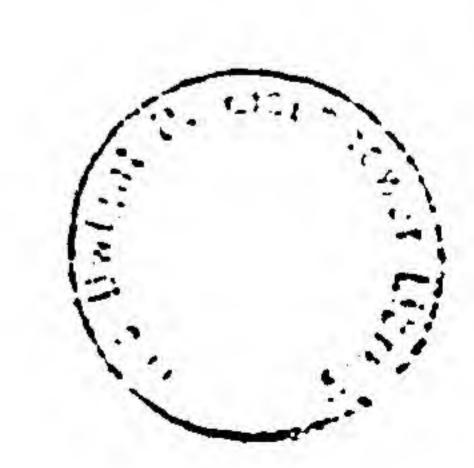
While this was in the nature of a registration of its membership, the Party actually took no registration for the year 1956. Its last registration drive was for the year 1955 and it was decided that there would be no renewal of this registration during 1956, but that a later registration of all Communist Party members would possibly take place in October, 1957. At the same time that the membership of the Party was being polled for tabulation of the delegates which each district was entitled to send to the national convention, an assessment was levied on each Party member in the amount of \$2 for employed members and 50 cents for unemployed members and housewives. This collection was made to help defray the expenses of the national convention.

The Party continues to seek out those former members who left for various reasons or who had been expelled or quit for policy reasons or personal difficulties in order to ask them to return. To date, this campaign has not met with any notable success. One prominent Communist Party leader commented in this regard that many former members had now acquired families, new jobs and a new way of life, thereby making the return hard to accomplish.



Through the forthcoming national convention, the Party hopes to strengthen its future position by recognizing errors it has made in the past. Much of the blame for the loss of thousands of members over the past six years has been placed by the Party on its failure to identify itself publicly in mass movements and its failure to abandon its left-sectarian policy. It now hopes to recoup its losses by ending its isolation, expanding its mass work and overcoming completely the influence of left-sectarian estimates.

According to the latest available estimate of Communist Party membership throughout the United States, there were slightly more than 17,350 members in the Party as of December 31, 1956.



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On October 2, 1956, the "Daily Worker," east coast communist newspaper, announced a \$50,000 fund drive to be completed by the end of 1956 as necessary for continued publication. On the following day the "Daily Worker" announced that Party leaders throughout the country determined at a conference over that weekend "to back to the hilt all efforts to maintain the 'Daily Worker.'"

In November, 1956, Isadore Wofsy indicated that the "Daily Worker" was operating on a "day-to-day" basis and the paper had no reserve funds. He further indicated that the last two fund drives for the "Daily Worker" were not very productive. The "Daily Worker" for December 21, 1956, contained an article captioned "CP Leaders Join at Meeting in Plea to Save Daily Worker." This article indicated that William Z. Foster, Eugene Dennis and John Gates spoke to 100 Communist Party section committee members and pleaded that all differences should be buried for the time being in a crusade to save the paper. The January 2, 1957, issue of the "Daily Worker" referred to the current fund drive to raise \$50,000 to keep the paper going until the end of 1956. This article indicated that the fund drive had raised "about \$36,000" by the end of 1956. leaving a deficit of "close to \$14,000 which we've got to pick up in the next few weeks."

The "Daily People's World," west coast communist newspaper, is also experiencing financial difficulties. An informant who has furnished reliable information in the past advised that at a Communist Party meeting in San Diego, California, on December 12, 1956, a statement was made that the "Daily People's World" must raise \$71,000 by January, 1957, in order to keep in operation. According to "The New York Times" of January 29, 1957, the "Daily People's World" announced in an editorial on that date that it will become a weekly publication on the weekend of February 9 - 10, 1957.

Informants have reported there is considerable speculation whether the "Daily Worker" will continue publication or will curtail publication to a weekly basis. These informants report that Party leaders apparently will make no determination as to the future of this newspaper until after the forthcoming national convention.

Security Measures

With the return of the last of its top leaders from the underground, the Communist Party felt it was no longer necessary to continue the complex protective screen that had been created to secure their hide-outs. Now, they felt, was the time for the Party to identify itself publicly in mass movements and to abandon the isolationism that had caused the loss of thousands of members in the past six years. They reasoned that to meet this demand would require the gradual abandonment and finally complete liquidation of unnecessary and extreme security measures. The membership, however, fully aware of the Federal Government's many successful prosecutions against the leaders of the Party, is not wholly amenable to this idea, and as a result there has been little or no relaxation of security measures.

Indicative of the Party's continuation of its clandestine operations and efforts to conceal its activities are the following precautions disseminated by various state Communist Party leaders to members within their division:

- 1. Party business must not be discussed on the telephone. In an emergency, pay telephones should be used.
- 2. Give no information to the FBI or other investigators.
- 3. Keep no records.
- 4. No recruiting of new members except in the case of former members who are seeking readmission and are found acceptable by the district leadership.
- 5. Do not park your car near the site of any Communist Party meeting. If necessary to drive, park some distance away and then walk' or take a bus.
- 6. When going to a Party meeting, take evasive action and watch out for a surveillance.
- 7. Keep meetings as small as possible.



Implementation of these instructions includes surveillances by trusted Party workers on those members whose actions, according to Party standards, are suspicious or who are being tested for more important tasks.

The numerous state conventions to be held in January, 1957, as well as the national convention of the Communist Party, scheduled for February 9 to 12, 1957, in New York City, have given Party authorities numerous headaches in the selection of delegates to attend these affairs. One Communist Party district observed that if the Party wants any kind of a convention made up of members from industrial divisions, it would appear that a separate convention, an "underground convention," would be necessary in order that the security of the members is guaranteed. While this plan has been suggested, there is no indication that it has actually been adopted. In place thereof, district leaders are cautioning Communist Party members to be very careful in the selection of delegates to these conventions so as to avoid exposing Party members active in industry and trade-unions.

Education and Propaganda Program

The national educational director of the Communist Party, USA, is Max Morris Weiss. The educational program of the Party has been carried out under the direction and supervision of the national and district educational directors. Educational discussions have centered around questions which resulted from the Twentieth Congress of the Communist Party, Soviet Union, the Negro problem, the reorganization of the Communist Party, USA, and the future of the Communist Party, USA. However, the members have been urged to continue study of the writings of Marx and to attend meetings of Marxist study clubs sponsored by the Party.

On November 27, 1956, the trustees of the Jefferson School of Social Science, 575 6th Avenue, New York City, announced that the Jefferson School of Social Science would close during the next month. They claimed that the school was forced to close because of persecution by the Government and the resultant financial loss. On December 3, 1956, Dr. Howard Selsam, director of the Jefferson School of Social Science, formally announced the closing of the school. He reviewed the attendance history of the school stating that the school had once hit a peak of 5,000 students and had reached a low of 100 students after it had been declared subversive. In answer to a question, he replied that the school would be reopened but on a smaller scale.

The California Labor School, 321 Divisadero Street, San Francisco, California, continues as the principal Communist Party educational institution on the west coast. Although Communist Party leaders at San Francisco, California, have expressed concern about the future of the school, a winter term has been scheduled for the period of January 17 through March 21, 1957. No decision has been reached as yet by the Subversive Activities Control Board relative to a petition filed by the Attorney General before that Board for an order requiring the school to register as a communist organization.

New Century Publishers and International Publishers, Incorporated, located in New York City, are the leading publishing houses of the Communist Party, USA. The Party continues to use as a medium of propaganda the following publications which have a nationwide distribution:

- 1. "Political Affairs" published monthly.
- 2. "Mainstream" published monthly. Formerly it was known as "Masses and Mainstream."

- 3. "Daily Worker" published Monday through Friday.
- 4. "The Worker" Sunday edition of the "Daily Worker."
- 5. "Daily People's World" published daily; however, it is to become a weekly publication commencing in February, 1957.

Of the above, all are published in New York City with the exception of the "Daily People's World" which is published in San Francisco.

The "Daily Worker," in its issue of October 1, 1956, reported an average circulation for the past year of 7,395. This was an increase of 305 over its average of 7,090 reported on October 3, 1955. "The Worker," on October 7, 1956, announced its average circulation for the preceding twelve months was 20,698, a decline of 1,641 in comparison with 22,339 reported on October 2, 1955.

Most members of the "Daily Worker" staff expect the paper to cease publication as a daily newspaper in February, 1957, following the national convention of the Communist Party, USA. They feel that the paper will be continued as a weekly publication with a format which will help to increase its circulation.

A biweekly publication entitled "l6th National Convention Discussion Bulletin," issued by the Communist Party, USA, was published on November 1 and 27, and December 10, 1956. The publication urges members of the Communist Party, USA, to write articles and letters limited to 2,500 words, giving their views in the Party's discussions pertaining to the draft resolution of the forthcoming convention.

A publication patterned somewhat after "Ebony, a magazine devoted to Negro personalities and activities, has been proposed by the Party which could be a substantial force among Negroes. The proposed publication would have a world-wide circulation covering countries in Asia, Africa, and the Middle East. Approximately \$75,000 would be necessary to start the publication, of which approximately \$30,000 would come from the Communist Party, USA, and the balance of \$45,000 from subscription and advertising. A minimum circulation of 5,000 copies is anticipated.

Strategy in Industry

In October, 1956, a draft resolution on trade-union matters was sent to all members of the national committee of the Communist Party. Concerning the present influence of the Communist Party in industry, this resolution states as follows:

"As a result of post-war attacks, plus our own errors, the Party today does not have the influence among workers it had in past years. Today some union leaders vie with each other in expressing their opposition to the Party and Communism. Innumerable Constitutional provisions bar communists from membership or from holding office in many unions. There is a fear among many workers to knowingly associate with us. . . "

The resolution sets forth the following as the Communist Party's long-range program for work in trade-unions:

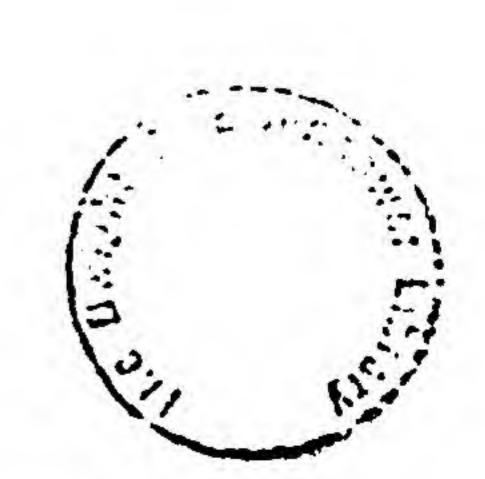
- 1. Develop further the process of trade-union unity.
- 2. Organize the unorganized.
- 3. Demand a shorter work week.
- L. Extension of alliances between labor and its allies.
- 5. Greater independent political activity.
- 6. Work toward peace in the world and a peaceful economy.

This resolution concludes with the following paragraph:

"Meanwhile, we join wholeheartedly with labor and all others to develop an anti-monopoly coalition as opening the broad avenue of social progress for America. In our opinion, it is childish nonsense to pretend that this multimillion trade-union movement can be 'captured' or 'dictated to' by us or by any other tendencies, parties or groups inside or outside its ranks. The experiences of the workers themselves as they live and fight and think deeply about their problems is the only way in which they will come to conclusions. Our Party with its scientific socialist outlook can help spark this thinking. That is why the workers needed a Communist Party. As part of this, the future of the American labor movement will also be shaped by the tremendous force for progress that has arisen from within the ranks of labor and is sweeping across many lands, for the American trade-union movement is part of the labor movement of the world."



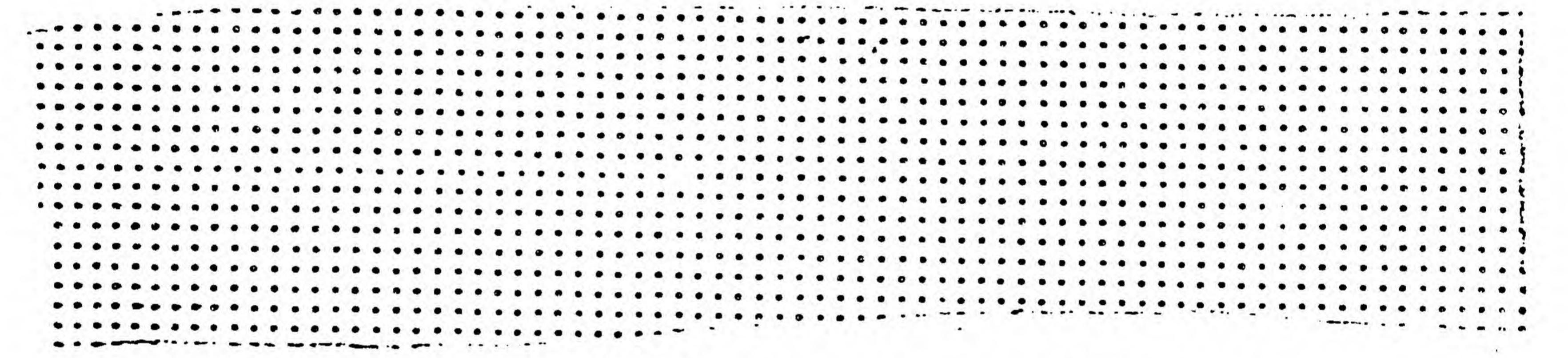
On November 11, 1956, a meeting of the National Auto Commission of the Communist Party was held at Detroit, hichigan. The main report urged that the National Auto Commission be maintained as an organizational force within the Communist Party. Carl Winter pointed out that it was the intention of the national committee of the Communist Party to reorganize the National Auto Commission on a more effective basis. Winter proposed that the National Auto Commission organize itself along the lines of a conference which would allow people from the General Motors plants to discuss their problems with people from the Ford plants. He stated that aircraft workers could likewise meet for mutual discussion as could workers in the farm equipment industry. Winter said that periodic meetings would then be called with representatives from the various industries and plants for a full discussion of problems of a mutual interest. Winter elaborated upon his proposal and stated that the new National Auto Commission would concern itself mainly with broad problems facing the auto workers rather than with administrative matters within the local unions.



Negro Question

Benjamin J. Davis, national committee member, is in charge of the over-all Negro work for the Party on a national basis, while James Jackson, alternate member of the national committee, is in charge of the Party's work in the South.

In recent months the Communist Party has reappraised its policy with respect to the Negroes in the United States. Since 1930 the Party has viewed the Negro people as a separate nation and made frequent reference to its policy of self-determination of the Negroes in the "black belt." Its present policy is not to view the Negro people as a separate nation but to be a special part of the United States.



Also in July, 1956, James Edward Jackson in lecturing at the Jefferson School of Social Science stated the Negro population no longer was concentrated in the South. He also noted that there was a change in the psychological attitude of the Negro who sees the Federal Government as the source of gains for freedom. Jackson stated that for these reasons the Negro no longer has the characteristics of a nation and should now be referred to as a "nation-like" people or a nationality. He stated that equal rights and elimination of oppression is a more realistic goal than that of self-determination.

The Negro question is on the agenda of the forthcoming national convention. Ben Davis, James Jackson, Martha Stone, George Blake Charney and Betty Gannett have allegedly been assigned to lork on the Committee to Deal with Aspects of the Negro Question. Davis, Charney, John Gates, Edward Strong, and Howard Johnson have been assigned to work on the Committee on the Document Dealing with the Negro Question.

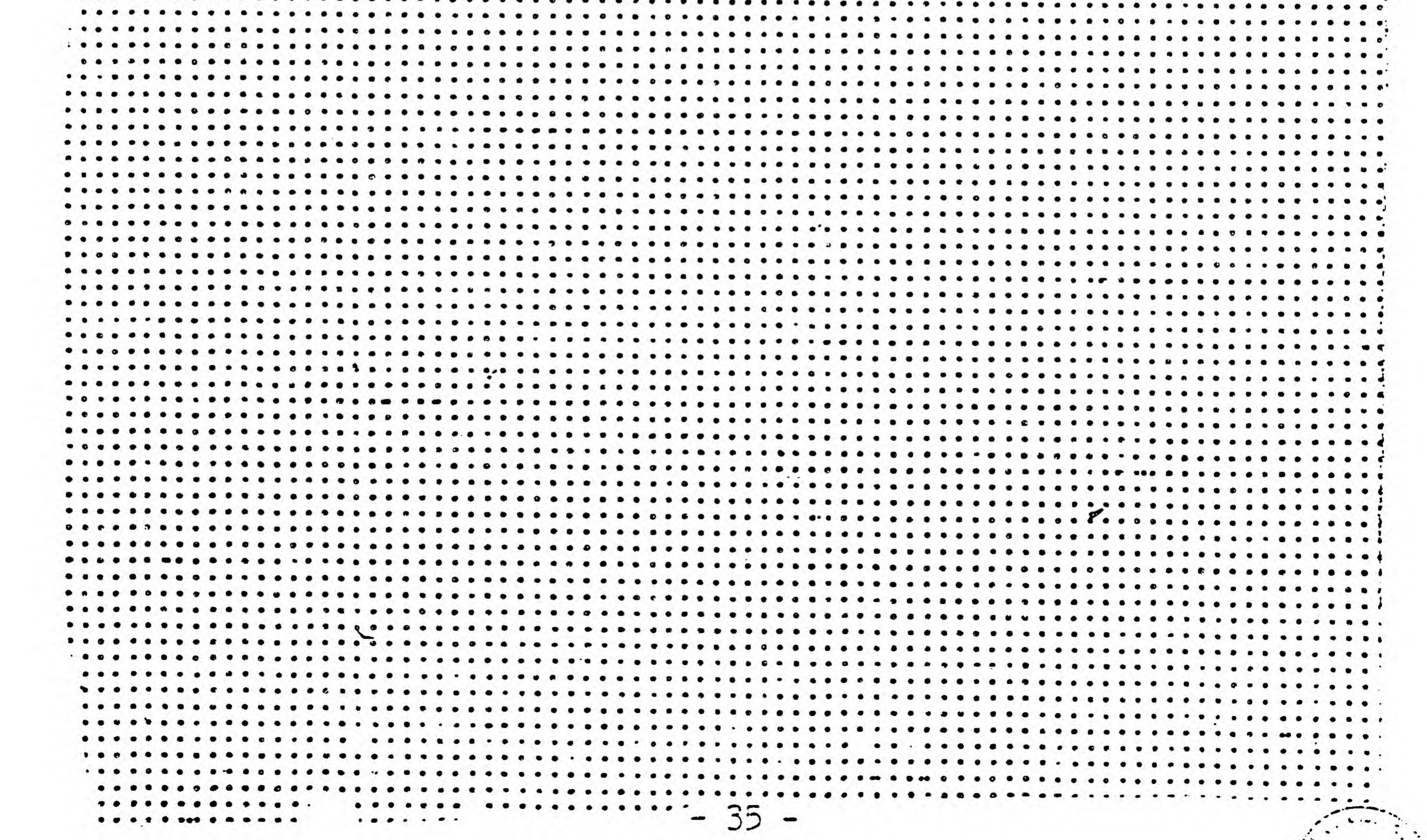
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YOUTH MATTERS

The Labor Youth League continues to be utilized by the Communist Party as the leading Marxist youth group in this country. Its headquarters are presently located at 159 West 23rd Street, New York City.

Serious consideration is being given to the dissolution of the Labor Youth League due to the fact that the organization has become too closely associated with the Communist Party in the eyes of the American public. In addition, the organization is deeply in debt. Its national membership is gradually declining and its national and state leaders have reached a physical age at which they have become conspicuous in being associated with a youth organization.

In an address before the membership of the New York State Labor Youth League on September 29, 1956, Earl Durham, acting national chairman of the Labor Youth League, stated that in the past the Labor Youth League policies and programs have been generally similar to those of the Communist Party. He continued that based upon the present condition of the Labor Youth League, there is no basis for its continuation as a national organization.



The first half of the League's New York State convention was held in New York City on December 15-16, 1956. Resolutions were adopted recommending that the national organization, as well as the New York State Labor Youth League, be dissolved.

The national convention of the League is scheduled for February 22, 1957, and the second half of the New York State convention is scheduled for March 9, 1957. The resolutions regarding dissolution will receive final consideration at these conventions.

Pclitical Activities

The Communist Party, USA, held a national election conference on the weekend of September 29 and 30, 1956, which was attended by approximately 150 Party representatives from thirty-six states. As a result of this conference, the national committee of the Communist Party, USA, issued an election policy statement stating that no communist endorsement would be given to any candidate in the 1956 elections.

The delegates at this affair were urged to mobilize their forces to the maximum for the election fight in an effort to build a vast antimonopoly coalition led by labor, the Negroes, and the farmers.

The principal target of the Party was "Big Business" and the statement declared that it agreed with what it called one of labor's objectives, the defeat of the "Cadillac Cabinet." According to the release of the national committee, Party members, whether in trade-unions or other civic bodies, would associate themselves with the political efforts of their organizations in the struggle against "Big Business" and its candidates. The statement continued that the chief issues which should be stressed were those concerning peace, civil liberties and economic security.

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District Organization

As set out hereinbefore, the activities of the Communist Party throughout the country are carried out through district organizations. At one time, the Party operated through an organizational structure of thirty-five districts, which number was subsequently reduced to thirty.

Due to various factors during the period 1951 to 1955, such as the prosecutions of many of its top leaders and its extensive underground operations, the Party was not able to work strictly within this thirty-district structure. There have been some temporary revisions in the geographical area of the district organizations, particularly in the South, where there is only a small number of communists located. The Party no longer refers to the various districts by number but refers to them by their geographical areas.

Indications are that following the national convention, changes may be made in the organization of these districts and a general realignment may occur.

Subsequent to the national convention, each district will hold a convention to discuss the results of the national convention and to elect new district officers. The identities of the principal district functionaries, location of district headquarters (if any), and the estimated Communist Party membership in these various districts are set forth hereinafter under the framework of the thirty district organizations which prevailed in the Party for several years.

(MASSACHUSETTS, MAINE, VERMONT, NEW HAMPSHIRE, RHODE ISLAND)

A. PRINCIPAL DISTRICT FUNCTIONARIES

Michael A. Russo - district organizer Sidney Lipshires - executive secretary

B. LOCATION OF DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS

No formal headquarters are maintained

C. ESTIMATED MEMBERSHIP

429

DISTRICT NO. 2 (NEW YORK)

A. PRINCIPAL DISTRICT FUNCTIONARIES

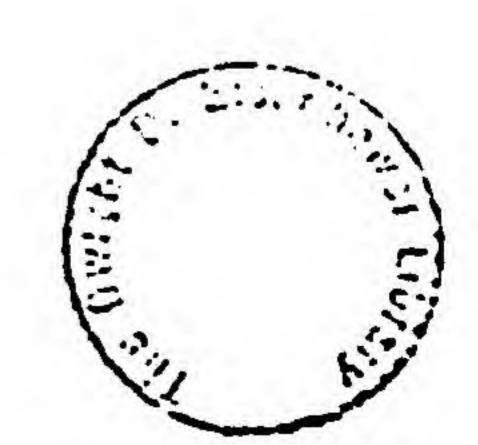
George Blake Charney - state chairman
William Norman - executive secretary
Leon Nelson - organizational secretary
Dave Rosenberg - assistant organizational secretary
Morris Gainer - industrial division chairman
William Albertson - assistant industrial division
chairman
Lillian Gates - legislative director
Sam Coleman - educational director
Howard "Stretch" Johnson - chairman, Negro commission
Harold Klein - co-ordinator of Communist Party activities
in upState New York

B. LOCATION OF DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS

Sixth floor, Jefferson School of Social Science Building, 101 West 16th Street, New York City

C. ESTIMATED MEMBERSHIP

8,734



DISTRICT NO. 3 (EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA, DELAWARE)

A. PRINCIPAL DISTRICT FUNCTIONARIES

Joseph Roberts - organizer

Joseph Kuzma - organizational secretary

Thomas Nabried - educational director

Benjamin Weiss - treasurer

B. LOCATION OF DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS

Suite 700, Shubert Building, 250 South Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

C. ESTIMATED MEMBERSHIP

457

DISTRICT NO. 4 (MARYLAND, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA)

A. PRINCIPAL DISTRICT FUNCTIONARIES

George A. Meyers - acting chairman Irving Kandel - district organizer

B. LOCATION OF DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS

No formal headquarters are maintained

C. ESTIMATED MEMBERSHIP

DISTRICT NO. 5 (WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA)

A. PRINCIPAL DISTRICT FUNCTIONARIES

Steve Nelson - district chairman Alex Steinberg - maintains financial records

B. LOCATION OF DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS

No formal headquarters are maintained

C. ESTIMATED MEMBERSHIP

120

OHIO, KENTUCKY, AND FOUR COUNTIES IN THE WEST VIRGINIA "PANHANDLE")

A. PRINCIPAL DISTRICT FUNCTIONARIES

Anthony Krchmarek - state chairman
Hubert Steaten - in charge of Communist Party
work in Cincinnati, Dayton and Columbus
Martin Chancey - educational director
Hyman Lumer - district organizer
Genne Crockard - chairman, Chio Valley Section

B. LOCATION OF DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS

No formal headquarters are maintained

C. ESTIMATED MEMBERSHIP

DISTRICT NO. 7 (MICHIGAN)

A. PRINCIPAL DISTRICT FUNCTIONARIES

Carl Winter - district chairman

Saul Wellman - executive secretary

William Allan - "Daily Worker" correspondent for

the Detroit area

Angelo Dietos - district financial secretary

Helen Winter - district organizational secretary

B. LOCATION OF DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS

2419 Grand River Avenue, Detroit, Michigan

C. ESTIMATED MEMBERSHIP

242

DISTRICT NC. 8 (ILLINOIS AND LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA)

A. PRINCIPAL DISTRICT FUNCTIONARIES

Claude Lightfoot - chairman Mollie West - organizational secretary Sam Kushner - executive secretary

B. LOCATION OF DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS

Room 806, 36 West Randelph Street, Chicago, Illinois

C. ESTIMATED MEMBERSHIP

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DISTRICT NO. 9 (MINNESOTA, NORTH DAKOTA, SCUTH DAKOTA)

A. PRINCIPAL DISTRICT FUNCTIONARIES

Martin Mackie - district chairman and member of
District Secretariat and Minnesota State Board
Carl Ross - secretary and member of District
Secretariat and Minnesota State Board
Clarence Sharp - member, District Secretariat
Sam Davis - member, Minnesota State Board
Robert Kelly - member, Minnesota State Board
Carroll Perry - member, Minnesota State Board
Rose Tillotson Renaud - member, Minnesota State Board

B. LOCATION OF DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS

No formal headquarters are maintained

C. ESTIMATED MEMBERSHIP

274

(INDIANA, EXCLUSIVE OF LAKE COUNTY)

A. PRINCIPAL DISTRICT FUNCTIONARIES

Emanuel Blum - state organizer Vaud Bennett - state organizational secretary

B. LOCATION OF DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS

No formal headquarters are maintained

C. ESTIMATED MEIBERSHIP

DISTRICT NO. 11 (OREGON)

A. PRINCIPAL DISTRICT FUNCTIONARIES

Morton Newman - chairman John Vawter - district secretary

B. LOCATION OF DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS

No formal headquarters are maintained

C. ESTIMATED MEMBERSHIP

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DISTRICT NO. 12 (WASHINGTON)

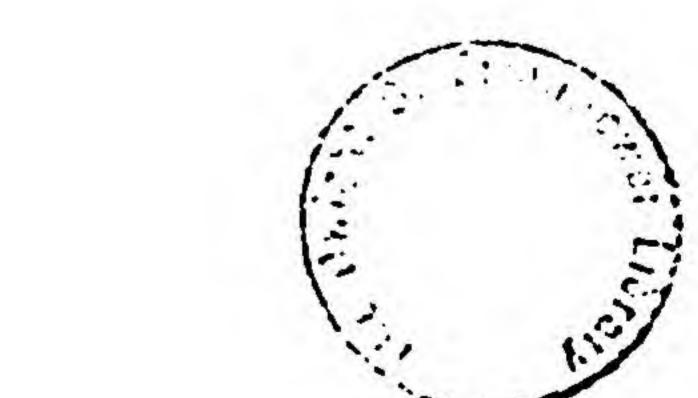
A. PRINCIPAL DISTRICT FUNCTIONARIES

Burt Gale Nelson - district organizer
Milford A. Southerland - district organizational
secretary

B. LOCATION OF DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS

No formal headquarters are maintained

C. ESTIMATED MEMBERSHIP



DISTRICT NO. 13 (ARIZONA, CALIFORNIA, NEVADA)

A. PRINCIPAL DISTRICT FUNCTIONARIES

William Schneiderman - chairman Louise Todd Lambert - executive secretary

Members California State Board - District No. 13

William Schneiderman - district organizer
Louise Lambert - executive secretary
Rude Lambert - financial secretary
Oleta Yates - chairman, San Francisco County
Communist Party
Wesley Bodkin - organizational secretary, San
Francisco County Communist Party
Dorothy Healey - chairman, Los Angeles County
Communist Farty
Ben Dobbs - trade-union director, Los Angeles
County Communist Party
Mickey Lima - chairman, East Bay Region,
Communist Party
William Lowe - state youth director
Al Richmond - editor, "Daily People's World"

B. LOCATION OF DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS

Rooms 410 and 411, Garfield Building, 942 Market Street, San Francisco, California

C. ESTIMATED MEMBERSHIP

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DISTRICT NO. 14 (NEW JERSEY)

A. PRINCIPAL DISTRICT FUNCTIONARIES

Martha Stone - chairman Louis Malinow - executive secretary

B. LOCATION OF DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS

471 Clinton Avenue, Newark, New Jersey

C. ESTIMATED MEMBERSHIP

730

DISTRICT NO. 15 (CONNECTICUT)

A. PRINCIPAL DISTRICT FUNCTIONARIES

Sidney Taylor - state chairman Robert Champion Ekins - state secretary

B. LOCATION OF DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS

No formal headquarters are maintained

C. ESTIMATED MEMBERSHIP

DISTRICT NC. 18 (WISCONSIN)

A. PRINCIPAL DISTRICT FUNCTIONARIES

Sigmund Eisenscher - chairman
Fred Bassett Blair - vice chairman and state
educational director
Alan Shaw - executive secretary
Mortimer Altman - organizer, Communist Party of
Wisconsin in the city of Milwaukee
James Knox Phillips - organizational secretary,
Wisconsin

B. LOCATION OF DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS

No formal headquarters are maintained

C. ESTIMATED MEMBERSHIP

150

DISTRICT NO. 19
(COLORADO, NEW MEXICO, WYOMING AND THE EL PASO, TEXAS, AREA)

A. PRINCIPAL DISTRICT FUNCTIONARIES

Anna Bary - acting regional organizer and allegedly member of State Board
Jack Harry Gore - chairman, State Committee for New Mexico and West Texas
Jean Langerman Gore - leader of the Communist Party Albuquerque group
Anna Louise Medic - member, State Committee for New Mexico and West Texas
Nathalie Gross - head of Communist Party group in El Paso, Texas

B. LOCATION OF DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS

No formal headquarters are maintained

C. ESTIMATED MEMBERSHIP

DISTRICT NO. 21 (MISSOURI)

A. PRINCIPAL DISTRICT FUNCTIONARIES

Gilbert Howard Hall - acting district organizer
Robert Manewitz - member, St. Louis City Committee
of the Communist Party

B. LOCATION OF DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS

No formal headquarters are maintained

C. ESTIMATED MEMBERSHIP

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DISTRICT NO. 22
(WEST VIRGINIA, EXCLUSIVE OF THE FOUR "PANHANDLE" COUNTIES)

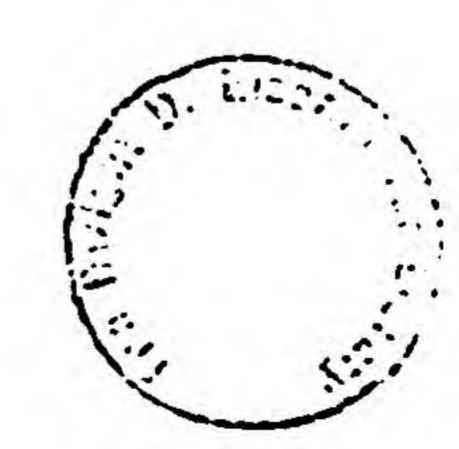
A. PRINCIPAL DISTRICT FUNCTIONARIES

Ralph Emerson Orth - district chairman Iva Orth - secretary

B. LOCATION OF DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS

No formal headquarters are maintained

C. ESTIMATED MEMBERSHIP



DISTRICT NO. 23 (TEXAS, EXCLUSIVE OF EL PASO AREA)

A. PRINCIPAL DISTRICT FUNCTIONARIES

Pauline Dobbs - member, City Committee of Communist
Party in Houston

Augustin Estrada - Communist Party leader in Dallas
and member of Texas State Board

Betty Jean Mann - Communist Party leader in Ft. Worth
Harold J. Mann - Communist Party leader in Ft. Worth
Herschel Bernard - Communist Party leader in San Antonio
James Sager - Communist Party leader in San Antonio
John Inman - Communist Party leader in San Antonio

B. LOCATION OF DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS

No formal headquarters are maintained

C. ESTIMATED MEMBERSHIP

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DISTRICT NO. 24 (LOUISIANA)

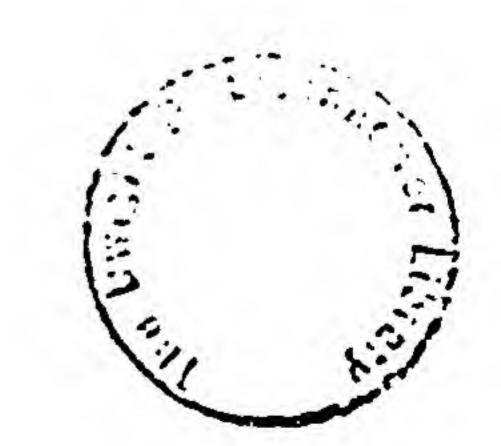
A. PRINCIPAL DISTRICT FUNCTIONARIES

Walter Albert Evans - Communist Party leader of Longshoremen's Group Junesh Modianos Jenkins - Communist Party leader in New Orleans Sargeant Caulfield - Communist Party leader of Farm Group

B. LOCATION OF DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS

No formal headquarters are maintained

C. ESTIMATED MEMBERSHIP



DISTRICT NO. 25 (FLORIDA)

A. PRINCIPAL DISTRICT FUNCTIONARIES

Clara March Lester - district organizer

B. LOCATION OF DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS

No formal headquarters are maintained

C. ESTIMATED MEMBERSHIP

48

DISTRICT NO. 26 (VIRGINIA)

A. PRINCIPAL DISTRICT FUNCTIONARIES

Mary Solomon Kalb - district chairman Clarence James - district treasurer Dave Bennett - member of State Committee John Colley - member of State Committee Clara Saba - member of State Committee

B. LOCATION OF DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS

No formal headquarters are maintained

C. ESTIMATED MEMBERSHIP



(ALABAMA, MISSISSIPPI, TEMMESSEE)

A. PRINCIPAL DISTRICT FUNCTIONARIES

John William Stanford and Joseph Spunksy continue to be the local leaders of the Communist Party in Birmingham and Bessemer, Alabama. Lawrence Edward McGurty has withdrawn from an active position as Communist Party chairman in Memphis and this area is now without a leader. His wife, Mildred McGurty, although continuing as an active Communist Party member, has not assumed any position of leadership.

B. LOCATION OF DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS

No formal headquarters are maintained.

C. ESTIMATED MEMBERSHIP

29

DISTRICT NO. 28 (OKLAHOMA, ARKANSAS)

A. PRINCIPAL DISTRICT FUNCTIONARIES

This district continues to function under the leadership of Clarence Alva Lewis and his son, Orval Newton Lewis:

B. LOCATION OF DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS

No formal headquarters are maintained

C. ESTIMATED MEMBERSHIP



(NORTH CAROLINA, SOUTH CAROLINA)

A. PRINCIPAL DISTRICT FUNCTIONARIES

Junius Irving Scales - district organizer and Southern Regional organizer (now residing in New York City)

Albert Warren Williams - acting district organizer

B. LOCATION OF DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS

No formal headquarters are maintained

C. ESTIMATED MEMBERSHIP

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DISTRICT NO. 30 (MONTANA, IDAHO)

A. PRINCIPAL DISTRICT FUNCTIONARIES

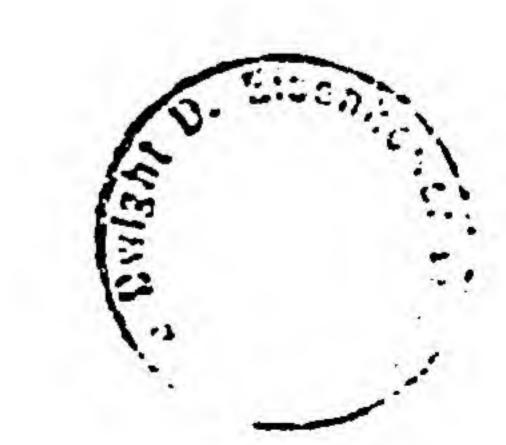
John Cyril Hellman - district organizer Peter Paul Piekarski - member, Idaho State Communist Party Committee

B. LOCATION OF DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS

This district maintains no official headquarters; however, Montana will receive political guidance and assistance from the Minnesota Communist Party District

C. ESTIMATED MEMBERSHIP

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DISTRICT NO. 31 (GEORGIA)

A. PRINCIPAL DISTRICT FUNCTIONARIES

This district has had no known organizer since 1950

B. LOCATION OF DISTRICT HEAD WARTERS

No formal headquarters are maintained

C. ESTIMATED MEMBERSHIP

4

DISTRICT NO. 32 (NEBRASKA, ICWA, KANSAS)

A. PRINCIPAL DISTRICT FUNCTIONARIES

William Stone and Edna May Griffin continue as the nominal heads of the Communist Party in Iowa and Mebraska, respectively, although they are inactive at the present time.

B. LOCATION OF DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS

No formal headquarters are maintained

C, ESTIMATED MERBERSHIP

DISTRICT NO. 35 (UTAH)

A. PRINCIPAL DISTRICT FUNCTIONARIES

Wayne Dallas Holley - state chairman

B. LOCATION OF DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS

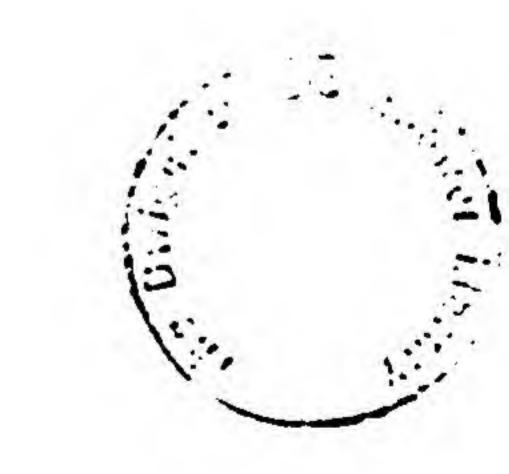
No formal headquarters are maintained. According to the latest information developed, this district will in the future be under the supervision of San Francisco Communist Party headquarters.

C. ESTIMATED MEMBERSHIP

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TERRITORY OF ALASKA

From the organizational viewpoint of the Communist Party, the Territory of Alaska constitutes a part of District No. 12 (State of Washington). There are no known Communist Party members in Alaska. No official leadership is known to exist and there has been no indication of organized Party activity there during the period of this summary.



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TERRITORY OF HAWAII

A. PRINCIPAL FUNCTIONARIES

There is no known organized Communist Party activity in Hawaii and no official leadership is known to exist although Charles K. Fujimoto is generally recognized as the head of the Communist Party of Hawaii.

B. LOCATION OF HEADQUARTERS

No formal headquarters are maintained. From an organizational viewpoint of the Communist Party, the Territory of Hawaii constitutes a part of District No. 13 and is administratively responsible to the headquarters of District No. 13 in San Francisco.

C. ESTIMATED MEMBERSHIP

77

COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO PARTIDO COMUNISTA PUERTORRIQUENO (Communist Party of Puerto Rico)

A. PRINCIPAL FUNCTIONARIES

Juan Santos Rivera - President Ramon Mirabal Carrion - Secretary-General

B. LOCATION OF HEADQUARTERS

No formal headquarters are maintained

C. ESTIMATED MERESHIP